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TRUE
ROMANCE
Confessions

THEY'RE SO
GAY - AND
SO INNOCENT!
LOVE IS A
MAGIC SPELL
AND THEY'RE
UNDER IT!

THEY'RE MARRIED, BUT
THEY'RE NOT
HAPPY! THE "LITTLE MISS
MARRIED" IS A GIRL WHO
LOVES TO LIVE - AND
SHE'S NOT A BIT
LESS INNOCENT FOR
BEING MARRIED!



CINDERELLA'S SISTERS!

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WERE THREE LITTLE SISTERS NAMED SMITH--



MARY was the eldest Smith-- she was smart-- she had to be, since the sisters were orphans and Mary had to take care of her sisters...

MOLLIE was the middle Smith-- she was sort of betwixt and between-- her main concern was to help Mary raise the youngest sister...

MELODY-- too pretty, too talented for the workaday routine-- she was to be a great actress-- a stately model-- something big-- something **SPECIAL!**

"I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SMITH SISTERS-- I'M MARY-- MY JOB WAS TO MOTHER THE LOT-- MAINLY MELODY WHO WAS A RARE FLOWER THAT HAD TO BE HANDLED WITH DELICACY, LEST ITS FRAIL BEAUTY BE MARRED IN SOME WAY...

MELODY-- IT'S NOON-- HONEY, YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT IN AN HOUR--

I'M **HUNGRY, MARY!**



I HAVE THE COFFEE READY AND MOLLIE IS PREPARING YOUR EGGS--

TWO MINUTES-- AS YOU LIKE THEM, MELODY. DON'T BOTHER TO COME TO THE TABLE, DEAR-- IT'S **NO TROUBLE** TO SERVE YOU IN BED--



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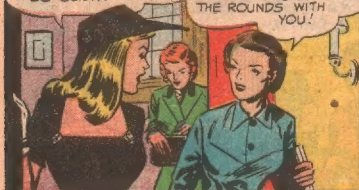
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"MELODY ALWAYS HAD THE MOST STUNNING CLOTHES -- MOLLIE AND I SAW TO THAT -- IT WAS A BUSINESS INVESTMENT, IN A WAY A PROSPECTIVE MODEL OR ACTRESS HAD TO DRESS THE PART --

MOLLIE! THAT SAME OLD SUIT **AGAIN!** -- YOU AND MARY HAVEN'T BOUGHT ANYTHING **NEW** IN YEARS! I FEEL SO GUILTY!

WHAT DOES IT MATTER HOW A COUPLE OF **SECRETARIES** DRESS? -- COME ALONG, HONEY -- WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE ROUNDS WITH YOU!



"THAT WAS HOW WE SPENT OUR VACATIONS EVERY SUMMER -- HELPING MELODY TO MAKE CONTACTS -- MEET THE RIGHT PEOPLE -- SHE WAS SO SWEET AND SHY -- SO HELPLESS ON HER OWN --

I-I'D LIKE TO SEE MR. WURLITZER -- HE'S THE **ACTOR'S AGENT**, ISN'T HE?

HE'S **NOT** A **PIANO**, HONEY -- WHAT DO YOU DO? SING? DANCE? MAGIC? SPECIALTY?



MELODY CAN DO ANYTHING -- SHE HAS GREAT TALENT -- AND SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!

CLEOPATRA WAS BEAUTIFUL -- BUT SHE COULDN'T EVEN RHUMBA! **SPECIALTIES** I NEED. BESIDES WE'RE NOT CASTING TODAY!



"THAT'S WHAT THE MAN SAID! IT WAS A BAD SEASON FOR AMATEURS -- **EVERY** SEASON WAS -- WE STOPPED IN THE SODA SHOPPE DOWNSTAIRS -- THE FACE NEXT TO US WAS FAMILIAR -- IN A TERRIBLY HANDSOME WAY --

OH! AREN'T YOU **HARRY RICKEY**, THE TELEVISION ACTOR?

HAM, HONEY --

SHE DIDN'T ASK WHAT YOU WERE EATING --



BUT YOU'RE **NOT** A HAM -- ONLY, IN YOUR LAST PLAY, YOU DID OVERPLAY THAT INSANITY SCENE -- IF I WERE --

IT WAS A BUM JOKE -- FORGET IT.



"MOLLIE SHOODED MELODY AWAY BEFORE SHE TALKED HERSELF OUT OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET IN WITH THE TELEVISION CROWD -- I GUESS WE WEREN'T VERY SUBTLE ABOUT OUR APPROACH --

ISN'T MELODY CUTE? SHE **SO** UNINHIBITED --

WE'RE SISTERS YOU KNOW. -- MELODY'S THE **TALENTED** MEMBER OF THE FAMILY --



"HE WAS IMPRESSED--I WAS TENACIOUS--I DIDN'T LET HIM GET AWAY UNTIL HE AGREED TO TALK SOME MORE ABOUT MELODY--HE CHOSE A CHARMING WAY TO TALK-- THAT EVENING, OVER LOBSTER THERMIDOR AT SARDIS--"

CAN'T YOU TALK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT **THAT KID SISTER** OF YOURS? WHAT DO YOU EXPECT I CAN DO FOR HER?

INTRODUCE HER TO YOUR DIRECTOR--ARRANGE A BIT PART FOR HER-- YOU MUST HAVE INFLUENCE!



"HE WAS MOST AGREEABLE-- AND UTTERLY DISARMING-- BEFORE THE EVENING WAS OVER I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT MELODY--"

THAT WAS A NICE EVENING, MARY-- NOW TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND A CAB--

OH, NO-- IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT-- LET'S WALK-- WE'LL HAVE MORE TIME TO TALK--



THIS IS-- HOME! I'D INVITE YOU UP, HARRY, ONLY THE GIRLS ARE SLEEPING--

THE GIRLS ARE LUCKY TO HAVE A SISTER LIKE YOU-- BRING MELODY AROUND TO MY PLACE TOMORROW EVENING--



"MELODY AND MOLLIE WERE WIDE AWAKE WHEN I CAME--MELODY WAS JUBILANT WHEN I TOLD HER OF THE APPOINTMENT, BUT MOLLIE SEEMED STRANGELY DOWNCAST!"

ISN'T IT GLORIOUS! I KNOW I'LL MAKE GOOD-- THIS IS MY BIG CHANCE, I **FEEL** IT!

AND HARRY PROMISED TO WORK WITH YOU, TEACH YOU THE TRADE SECRETS--



THE EXCITEMENT OF THE EVENING WAS A DISTANT THING NOW, BLANKETED BY THE DARKNESS OF NIGHT. FACES WERE DANCING AROUND IN MY MIND--HAPPY FACES, HANDSOME FACES-- AND MOLLIE'S ODDLY SAD ONE--



"I LOOKED OVER TO MOLLIE-- SHE WASN'T SLEEPING--I SAT UP-- SHE STARTED TO TALK--"

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH HIM-- BUT MOLLIE, YOU CAN'T BE **SURE**--

I'M NOT SURE-- ONLY, HAVING MET HIM, I REALIZE THE THINGS I'M MISSING MARY! THE HAPPINESS WE'RE BOTH MISSING, LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF MELODY'S CAREER--



"BUT I **HAD** BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT-- THE THOUGHT FIRST OCCURRED TO ME WHEN I SUSPECTED THAT, I TOO, WAS IN LOVE WITH HARRY RICKEY! THE NEXT EVENING, THE THREE OF US WENT TO HARRY'S APARTMENT WHERE HE WAS ENTERTAINING SOME AGENCY EXECUTIVES--

IT'S SWEET OF YOU, HARRY, TO DO THIS FOR OUR SISTER--

NOT AT ALL, MOLLIE--IF SHE HAS TALENT SHE'LL DO FINE-- ON HER OWN!



"MOLLIE DANCED AWAY RELUCTANTLY, IN THE ARMS OF ONE OF HARRY'S FRIENDS-- THEN HE TURNED TO ME--

THE AGENCY PEOPLE LIKE MELODY'S LOOKS-- NEXT WEEK WE'LL FIND OUT IF SHE CAN **ACT!** THEY'RE GOING TO GIVE HER AN AUDITION--

MOLLIE AND I WILL HAVE HER AT THE STUDIO WHENEVER YOU CALL-- HARRY, YOU'RE A DEAR!



"CAME THE BIG DAY OF MELODY'S AUDITION-- MOLLIE AND I STOOD OFF TO THE SIDE, AND FOR THE FIRST IN HER LIFE, BABY SISTER WAS ON HER OWN!"

DON'T BE NERVOUS, HONEY-- WE JUST WANT TO HEAR YOU DELIVER YOUR LINES-- AND SEE HOW YOU HOLD UP UNDER THE LIGHTS--

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT MY LINES-- BUT WHAT WILL THOSE KLEIG LIGHTS DO TO MY **MAKE-UP?**



MELODY'S DOING ALL RIGHT-- LOOKS LIKE THE KID CAN DO WITHOUT YOUR "**MOTHERING**" FROM HERE ON IN!

IT'S AMAZING! MELODY'S ON THE BALL-- SHE'S GOOD!

WELL, THAT'S **ONE** PROBLEM OUT OF THE WAY-- NOW-- WHAT TO DO ABOUT LOVE-SICK MOLLIE?



"MELODY PASSED HER TEST WITH COLORS FLYING-- AND WE WERE ALL PROUD AND RELIEVED-- HARRY LEARNED THE GOOD NEWS BEFORE WE LEFT-- AND PASSED IT ON TO ME ON THE WAY TO THE BUS--

IT'S WONDERFUL, HARRY-- I SUPPOSE MELODY WILL BE MOVING TO HER OWN PLACE, NOW THAT SHE'S WORKING!

YOU DON'T SEEM OVERJOYED-- AND I COULDN'T HELP NOTICE THAT MOLLIE WAS DEPRESSED-- WHAT'S WRONG, MARY?



"I COULDN'T TELL HIM-- NOT THEN-- I WANTED ONLY TO SAY GOOD-BYE-- AND FORGET HIM! I WANTED TO-- BUT I COULDN'T! WHEN HE CALLED A FEW DAYS LATER, I READILY ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION--

A PARTY FOR MELODY-- AT YOUR PLACE? --? WE'D LOVE TO COME, HARRY--



"THERE WERE NEW GOWNS AND TRINKETS WE COULD AFFORD. NOW THAT MELODY'S UPBRINGING WAS NO LONGER A BURDEN TO OUR SALARIES-- AT THE PARTY MOLLIE AND I WERE AT OUR SARTORIAL BEST--"

I NEVER REALIZED **HOW LOVELY** MY SISTERS COULD BE--SOME DAY I'LL REPAY THEM FOR ALL THEY'VE DONE FOR ME!

I'M SURE THEY'RE PROUD OF YOU, MELODY!



MELODY HAS A NEW AIR ABOUT HER-- SELF-ASSURED-- WELL POISED-- EVEN AT THIS EARLY STAGE OF HER CAREER--

CAN'T YOU EVER TALK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT MELODY? -- I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT-- YOU, MARY--



"THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD TELL HIM ABOUT MYSELF-- ALL MY LIFE-- ALL MY THOUGHTS HAD BEEN WRAPPED IN THE PROBLEMS OF MY SISTERS-- WHEN HARRY INSISTED ON SEEING ME HOME, I MUST HAVE SEEMED UNBEARABLY DULL!"

MARY-- WAIT--



WHAT IS IT, MARY?-- WHY THE COLD SHOULDER?-- ARE MY ATTENTIONS UNWELCOME?



OH, NO, HARRY-- IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!-- I DO LIKE YOU-- MORE THAN I CAN ADMIT!

YOU MEAN-- THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE?



IN--IN A WAY-- YES--

I'M SORRY, MARY-- I'M LEAVING-- FOR HOLLYWOOD SOON-- I WAS HOPING I COULD TAKE YOU WITH ME-- AS MY WIFE!



THANK YOU, HARRY-- I ONLY WISH I COULD!

ME, TOO! GOOD NIGHT, MARY--



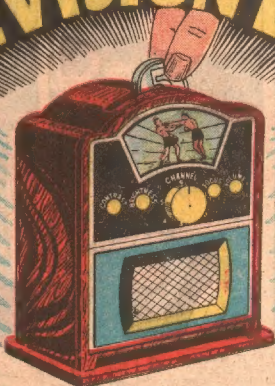
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"IT WAS MOLLIE WHO WORRIED ME--I COULDN'T BREAK HER HEART-- EVEN IF IT MEANT GIVING UP THE MAN I LOVED-- WHEN IT CAME TIME TO BID HARRY GOOD-BYE, I TOOK MOLLIE ALONG TO MAKE SURE I WOULDN'T CHANGE MY MIND --"

MEN ARE HELPLESS WHEN IT COMES TO CHORES LIKE PACKING-- HARRY NEEDS A WOMAN AROUND THE HOUSE!

I'M SURE OF IT, MOLLIE--



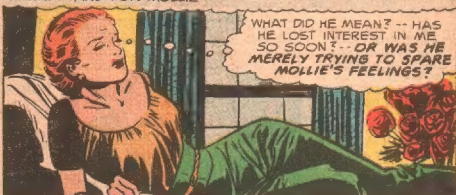
LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU TWO STOP THIS HAMMY ACTING! ANY FOOL CAN SEE YOU'RE IN LOVE! YOU NEVER COULD FOOL YOUR KID SISTER, MARY--

OH, MOLLIE, YOU'RE WRONG! HARRY HAS NO INTEREST IN ME!

MARY AND ME? WHATEVER GAVE YOU THAT IDEA, MOLLIE?--



THIS WAS A NEW AND CONFUSING DEVELOPMENT-- I WAS HOLDING BACK THE TEARS WHEN I LEFT-- TEARS FOR HARRY-- AND FOR MOLLIE --



WHAT DID HE MEAN? -- HAS HE LOST INTEREST IN ME SO SOON? -- OR WAS HE MERELY TRYING TO SPARE MOLLIE'S FEELINGS?

"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO LEARN THE TRUTH, AND I COULDN'T RESIST THE IMPULSE. I DASHED TO THE TRAIN STATION, PRAYING THAT I WOULD BE IN TIME --"

MARY-- I WAS WAITING FOR YOU-- HOPING YOU'D COME--



HONEY, I CAUGHT ON ABOUT MOLLIE, WHEN YOU DENIED MY LOVE FOR YOU--IT WON'T WORK, BABY--MELODY'S LET LOOSE OF YOUR APRON STRINGS...YOU CAN'T START MOTHERING MOLLIE AT THIS LATE STAGE!



WHEN I KISSED HIM, IT WAS AS IF I WERE SUDDENLY FREE OF MY BURDEN--MY 'FAMILY' HAD GROWN UP, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, THERE WOULD BE SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF ME."



THE END

OH, DARLING, I KNOW THAT
FLYING IS YOUR LIFE... WITH-
OUT IT YOU'D BE LOST!
... BUT IT'S SO LONESOME DOWN
HERE WITH YOU UP THERE...
WHY MUST THERE BE
SO LITTLE TIME
FOR LOVE?

"A COMET SWEEP
ACROSS THE SKY
IN A BRILLIANCE
THAT SCATTERED
THE NIGHT,
AND THEN IT WAS
GONE,
AND DARKNESS CLOSED
IN.
'TIL THE STARS SHONE
THROUGH WITH SOFT
LIGHT."

SO LITTLE TIME FOR LOVE

TOM AND I HAD
BEEN CHILDHOOD
SWEETHEARTS, AND
AS WE'D GROWN
OLDER, OUR LOVE
SEEMED TO GROW
WITH US.

AFTER COLLEGE
WE BOTH WENT TO
WORK FOR ACME
AIRCRAFT... TOM
AS AN AUDITOR,
AND I AS A CLERK
... IT SEEMED
ONLY A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE
WE'D FULFILL OUR
CHILDHOOD DREAM
OF MARRIAGE...



OH, TOM... I HEARD
ABOUT YOUR
PROMOTION...
IT'S WONDERFUL
NEWS!

IT BRINGS OUR
BIG DAY THAT
MUCH CLOSER,
ANN!



"AND THEN I MET REX AND MY WHOLE
ORDERLY LIFE BECAME TOPSY-TURVY!"

ANN... THIS IS REX HODGES?
HE'LL BE TEST-HOPPING
THE XR12... WILL YOU
SHOW HIM WHERE THE
CAFETERIA IS?

SHOW ME?
SHE'S GOING
TO HAVE
LUNCH WITH
ME!



"IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
FOR US BOTH... IT WAS AS IF
WE'D JUST DISCOVERED A
BOND THAT HAD ALWAYS
EXISTED BETWEEN US!"

ANN... I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR YOU
FOR TWENTY-
SIX YEARS!

I-I'M
GLAD
YOU FOUND
ME, REX...



"AND THERE IN THE CROWDED
CAFETERIA, HE TOOK ME IN
HIS ARMS... IT WAS AS
THOUGH THE UNIVERSE HAD
SPLIT AND ALL THE OTHERS
WERE DRIFTING AWAY AND
WE WERE REMOTE... ALONE
TO LOVE..."



"THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED WERE
FILLED WITH WHIRLWIND ACTION!
REX'S ZEAL FOR LIVING WAS
BREATH-TAKING TO BEHOLD...
EACH HOUR... EACH MINUTE...
WAS PACKED WITH JOYOUS
ACTIVITY."

OH, REX...
DON'T YOU
EVER
SLOW UP?

ANN... WE PASS THIS
WAY ONLY ONCE... I
WANT TO GO ON ALL
THE RIDES...
HEAR ALL
THE MUSIC!



"MY FATHER, A WIDOWER, FOR WHOM I'D KEPT HOUSE FOR MANY YEARS ... WAS SLIGHTLY SURPRISED AT MY NEW ROMANCE. BUT IT WAS TOM WHOM I FOUND THE HARDEST TO FACE... HE WAS HURT DEEPLY... BUT HE DID HIS BEST TO HIDE IT.

IT'S NEW, ANN. MAYBE THE SHINE WILL WEAR OFF... IF IT DOES, I'LL BE WAITING... I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU, ANN!

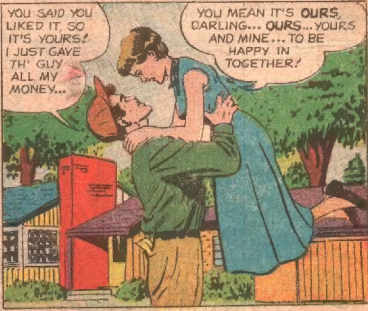
NO, TOM, DEAR... IT WON'T WEAR OFF! IT GROWS BRIGHTER EACH DAY... I-I'M SORRY I HAVE HURT YOU SO MUCH...



"REX AND I SET THE DAY FOR OUR WEDDING... WE SPENT EVERY WEEK END HOUSE HUNTING... AND THEN...

YOU SAID YOU LIKED IT, SO IT'S YOURS! I JUST GAVE TH' GUY ALL MY MONEY...

YOU MEAN IT'S OURS, DARLING... OURS... YOURS AND MINE... TO BE HAPPY IN TOGETHER!



"IT WAS ONLY A MONTH AFTER OUR WEDDING, WHEN IT HAPPENED...

THOSE FIRE TRUCKS... AMBULANCES... THERE'S BEEN A CRASH... REX AND JOHNNY HUNT WERE THE ONLY ONES UP TODAY!



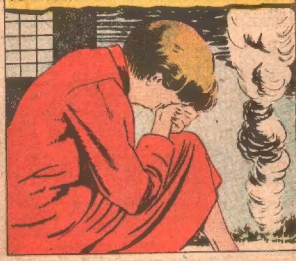
STUMB WITH ANGUISH, I RACED ACROSS THE HANGAR APRON!

OH, JOHNNY! JOHNNY!!

STEADY, ANN... THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR HIM...



"REX DEAD! IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE! MY WHOLE UNIVERSE COLLAPSED INTO A SOMBER VACUUM... AND LAY IN TWISTED AGONY LIKE THE WRECKAGE OF REX'S PLANE. CONSOLATION ONLY HELPED TO INTENSIFY MY GRIEF...



IN THE YEAR THAT FOLLOWED I LIVED ALONE WITH MY DESPAIR... EACH DAY, EACH WEEK MY FEELING OF DESOLATION SEEMED TO GROW MORE COMPLETE... MY FATHER DID HIS BEST TO EASE MY GRIEF... BUT THERE WAS LITTLE ANY COULD DO...

ANN DEAR... YOU'RE YOUNG... YOU MUSTN'T WASTE YOUR LIFE WITH THIS MORBID SORROW... LEAVE THIS LONELY PLACE AND COME HOME!

IT'S NOT LONELY HERE, DAD... THIS HOUSE IS FULL OF BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES... I CAN'T LEAVE!



TOM VISITED OFTEN AND DID HIS BEST TO CHEER ME UP... WITHOUT SUCCESS...

ANN, YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU... ALWAYS WILL! LET ME HELP YOU LIVE AGAIN... TO BUILD A NEW LIFE...

NO, TOM, IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR... TO REX OR TO YOU!

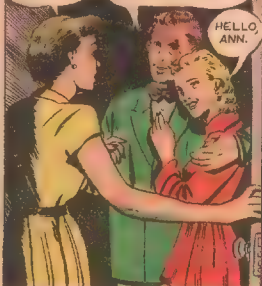


"AS TIME PASSED I STILL FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SHAKE OFF MY FEELINGS OF DEPRESSION... THEN I NOTICED THAT DAD NEVER CAME AROUND THE WAY HE USED TO... I WAS SURE IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY GLOOMY OUTLOOK... AND THEN, ONE EVENING...

DAD, WHERE HAVE YOU... OH-HH!

ANN, MEET LINDA PHILLIPS... MY FUTURE WIFE!

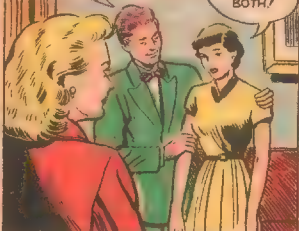
HELLO, ANN.



"I DID MY BEST TO HIDE MY TOTAL SURPRISE... IT WAS A DIFFICULT JOB...

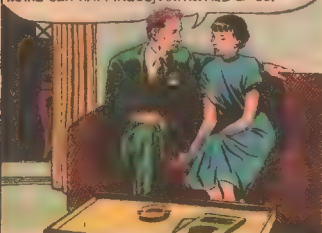
I'M SELLING THE OLD HOUSE... WE'RE BUILDING A NEW ONE... THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A ROOM FOR YOU!

WELL... MY BEST WISHES TO YOU BOTH!



"THE NIGHT BEFORE THE WEDDING, DAD RAID ME A SURPRISE VISIT...

ANN, DEAR, IT WAS THIS DEEP MELANCHOLIA OF YOURS WHICH MADE ME DECIDE? I WAS UNHAPPY ALONE, TOO... AND LINDA... SHE WAS LIVING RATHER MEANINGLESSLY... WE MUST MAKE OUR HAPPINESS, ANN... ALL OF US?



IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I LOVED YOUR MOTHER ANY LESS. WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE AND THE TENDER MEMORIES OF IT WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME. BUT SHE WOULD NOT ASK ME TO SPEND THE REST OF MY DAYS IN LONELINESS...

I...HOPE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY, DAD...VERY HAPPY...



"WHEN THEY WERE MARRIED, THERE WAS CONTENTMENT IN DAD'S FACE... AND I KNEW HIS NEW LIFE WAS RIGHT? LINDA'S SMILE BEAMED HAPPINESS THAT BROUGHT TEARS TO MY EYES. SUDDENLY, THE WHOLE LOAD SEEMED LIFTED FROM MY BACK...



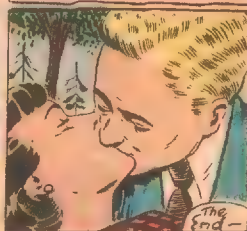
"THAT NIGHT TOM TOOK ME FOR A WALK... OUT TO THE LAKE...

TOM... PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND ME... AND KISS ME... WILL YOU?

WILL I? OH, ANN DARLING!



"ALL THE WARMTH OF OUR OLD LOVE SEEMED TO RETURN! I WAS HAPPY AND I REALIZED I DID OWE SOMETHING TO THE LIVING... TO MYSELF, AND TO TOM, WHO NEEDED MY LOVE AS I NEEDED HIS..."



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Most girls wouldn't call it trouble. The Jones boy has just asked you to marry him. And the

Jones boy is quite a catch. There's only one thing wrong. You don't know whether or not you really love him enough to sign your name beside his on a marriage certificate.

It wasn't a matter of leading him on. You really like him. You had fun dating, going steady. You just didn't expect him to get serious so suddenly. You hadn't even thought about marriage and here he's gone and popped the question and spoiled it all.

You know he was disappointed at your surprised and hesitant answer that you'd have to tell him later. Undoubtedly it was a blow to his pride, if not his heart, that you didn't return his love wholehearted pound for pound. He may even reason that if you're not sure, it's a cinch you don't love him enough to marry him.

What did you do to make him think you were ready for marriage? Breaking off all other dating contacts might easily make a man think you preferred his company to all other men. If you are not ready for a proposal, be ready to and do accept dates with others. In a case like this it might be better to date someone you're not too fond of.

If he is out to get you at any cost, the Jones boy may argue that since you prefer his company to others that is definite proof that you do love him, whether you recognize it or not. If there is any doubt at all in your mind, this is not a valid argument. Preferring one person to certain others does not mean you love him above all others--or even enough to marry him.

Maybe the Jones boy lives next door. Maybe you've known and dated him all your life so that when his proposal comes you just can't say no--even though you're doubtful of the outcome. You can't bear to hurt his feelings. But your acceptance makes you miserable. How are you going to get out of it? Should you take the course of least resistance, rationalize by saying you'll probably never meet anyone any better, and go through with it?

Of course not, you say. Only a fool would marry a boy against her will. Set down in black and white the whole argument seems ridiculous. But it isn't, really, because every year a large number of girls--and boys, too--are caught in a trap only half of their making. Friendship has been mistaken for love. One person is afraid to hurt the other's feelings and a one-sided marriage is consummated.

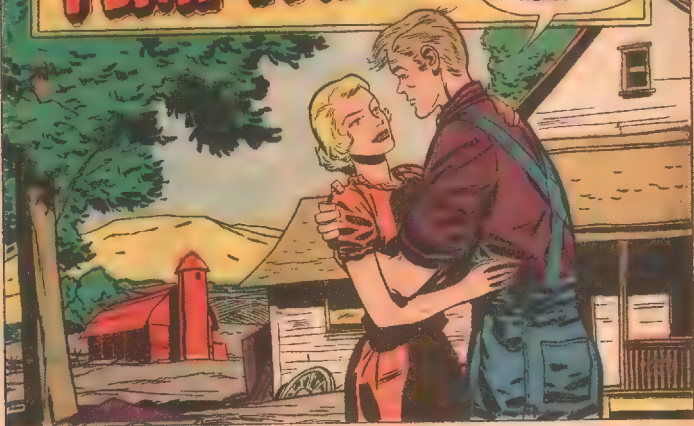
When you are in love you will know it. If there is any doubt whatsoever in your mind say "no" kindly but firmly. Postponing your answer until you are sure or until you consult someone else's opinions will probably only confuse your emotions. You are the only one who is aware of what is going on in your own heart and mind. It is kinder to hurt the Jones boy's feelings now than to have him find out later that you married him out of pity or apathy.

And if you said "yes" in the magic emotion of the moment, don't be afraid to change your mind later when you've had time to consider it coldly. Being honest enough to jilt a man even as he is dressed for the altar may save a lifetime of unhappiness, but it's up to you to catch it before it reaches that serious point. Be careful never to tie yourself down to steady dating or a half-courtship, particularly with an older man, unless you are sure you're with the man you want to marry.

The way a girl like Laurie sees things, men are good for just one purpose. To be used. And a man like Jeff is such easy pickings for a...

Teen-Age TEMPTRESS

LAURIE, YOU'RE SO SWEET, SO INNOCENT UNDER ALL THE PHONEY HARDNESS. YOU'RE NOT REALLY BAD. I KNOW. I COULDN'T LOVE YOU SO MUCH, IF YOU WERE!



THE TOWN WAS NOTHING. IT WAS SUNBAKED, DRAB. AS DRAB AS MY LIFE, AS DRAB AS THE CLOTHING I WORE - THE CLOTHING SO CHARITABLY PROVIDED BY THE STATE HAVEN FOR HOMELESS GIRLS! SO THIS WAS WHERE I WAS TO SPEND MY VACATION!

LAURIE HARRIS? I'M JEFF CRAINE. YOU ARE LAURIE HARRIS, AREN'T YOU?

CAN'T YOU TELL? OR DO ALL THE GIRLS IN MASCOTOWN DRESS LIKE SOMEONE'S OLD MAIDEN AUNT?

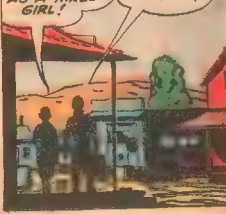
I'M LAURIE HARRIS. I SUPPOSE YOU BROUGHT A HORSE AND BUGGY. WHERE IS IT? WE MAY AS WELL BE GOING!

I BROUGHT A PICKUP TRUCK. BUT YOU DON'T SEEM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE, MISS HARRIS. IS SOMETHING WRONG?



NOT A THING! I'M JUST OOZING GRATITUDE. AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT EVERY FARM FAMILY THAT WILL TAKE IN A GIRL FROM THE HAVEN FOR THE SUMMER! EVEN IF IT IS ONLY AS A HIRED GIRL!

I SEE. YOU'LL BE PAID FOR YOUR WORK. AND YOU CAN GO BACK TO THE HAVEN ANY TIME! THIS WAY -- MOM WILL BE WAITING!



YOU CAN GO BACK TO THE HAVEN, SURE. I WAS SEVENTEEN AND A WARD OF THE STATE. I COULD GO BACK. I'D HAVE TO, AT THE END OF THE SUMMER. BUT FOR A LITTLE WHILE I COULD BE FREE -- SO I PRETENDED.

MISTER CRAINE, I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SOUND UNGRATEFUL. I-I GUESS WHEN YOU'VE BEEN KICKED AROUND LONG ENOUGH YOU GET BITTER!

IT'S ALL RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND, LAURIE! THEY TOLD US WHEN MOM WROTE TO THE ORPHANAGE, YOU'VE HAD A PRETTY UNPLEASANT TIME. FORGET IT!



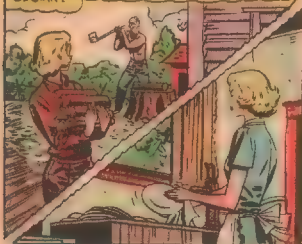
FORGET IT? FORGET MY DRUNKEN FATHER? FORGET HOW A SOCIAL WORKER HAD FOUND ME WORKING IN A MASH HOUSE AFTER POP DIED? FORGET THE GREEDY EYES OF MEN I'D MET? OH, NO. I COULD GO ON PRETENDING, LATER.

MRS. CRAINE, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT, BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS. YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL, DON'T YOU?

I KNOW, LAURIE. BUT WE WON'T HAVE ANY MORE TALK ABOUT KINDNESS. YOU COME ALONG. IT'S ALMOST SUPPER TIME. I'LL SHOW YOU YOUR ROOM!



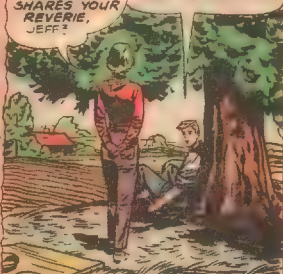
"MY ROOM," A CUBBYHOLE UNDER THE EAVES! ALL MY LIFE THERE HAD BEEN CUBBYHOLES! DINGY PLACES TO DREAM IN. I UNPACKED. WE HAD SUPPER -- AND MY 'VACATION' BEGAN.



I DREAMED OF LUXURY-- AND I WASHED DISHES. I ACED FOR LACE-- AND I WORE COTTON APRONS. IT TOOK SUCH A LITTLE WHILE-- UNTIL THE BOREDOM CLOSED IN ON ME. THAT WAS WHEN I REALLY NOTICED JEFF. AT LAST...

DO YOU MIND IF SOMEONE SHARES YOUR REVERIE, JEFF?

LAURIE, I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME UP.



I GUESS I WAS PRETTY FAR AWAY, WASN'T I? I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE! IT'S GOING TO BE PRETTY HARD FOR MOM AFTER I'M GONE!

HARD? I DON'T UNDERSTAND! YOU'RE GOING AWAY!



IN THE FALL, COLLEGE. I SUPPOSE WE ALL HAVE SOME GOAL SET FOR OURSELVES! MINE IS THE LAW. SOME DAY, I'M GOING TO BE A LAWYER.

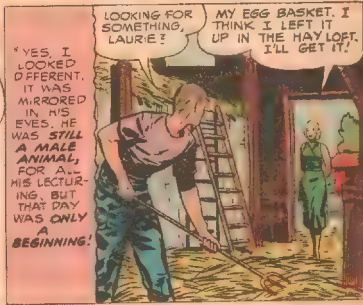
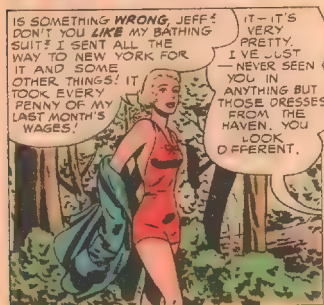
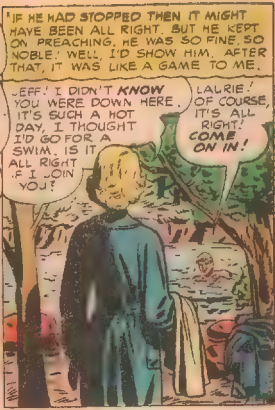
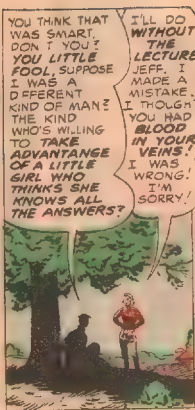
IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE DREAMING ABOUT? DON'T YOU EVER DREAM ABOUT-- OTHER THINGS?

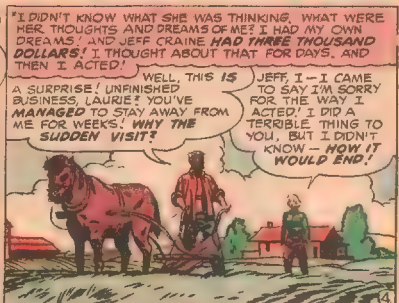
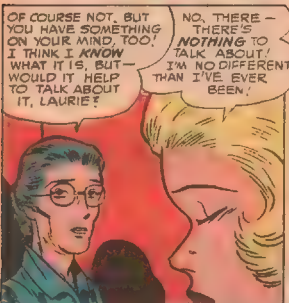
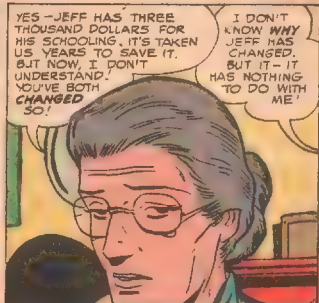
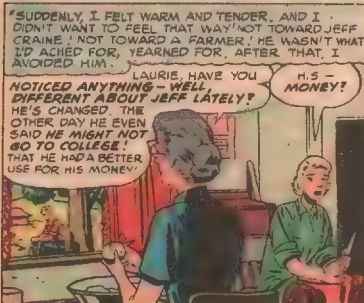
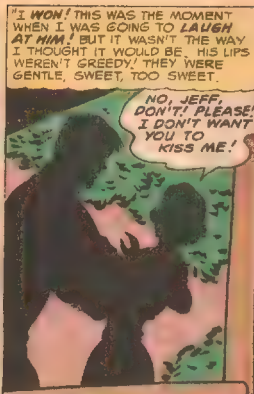


THINGS -- LIKE THIS, JEFF?

LAURIE! STOP IT! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!







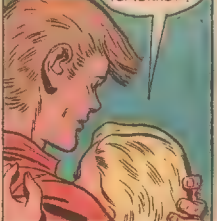
OH, JEFF, I'M SO ASHAMED, I-I WANTED TO HURT YOU FOR HURTING ME! THAT'S WHY I BEHAVED AS I DID. WHY I LED YOU ON! ONLY--MY SCHEME DIDN'T WORK--**I FELL IN LOVE!**

LAURIE! I KNEW IT! AT FIRST I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST BAD. BUT THEN I REALIZED THE TRUTH. I WAS CERTAIN YOU WERE JUST PRETENDING.



UNDERNEATH, YOU'RE NOT HARD AND TOUGH! THAT NIGHT I KISSED YOU--IT WAS BECAUSE I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO **MARRY ME**, BUT YOU NEVER LET ME.

I'M LETTING YOU NOW. OH, JEFF, I LOVE YOU SO! IF ONLY WE HAD A LITTLE MONEY, A START, I'D MARRY YOU TOMORROW!



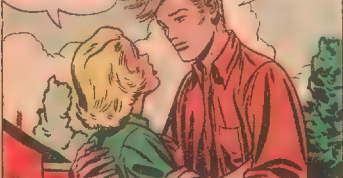
I **DO** HAVE SOME MONEY, LAURIE, I'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR THIS. I EVEN TOLD MOM I MIGHT NOT GO TO COLLEGE. WE CAN BE MARRIED RIGHT AWAY.

THEN WE WILL BE, JEFF. HOLD ME TIGHT! I WANT THIS TO BE OUR MOMENT. I-I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SHARE IT WITH YOUR MOTHER! WE--WE'LL ELOPE, TOMORROW! WE WON'T EVEN TELL HER!



BUT--WHAT ABOUT COLLEGE? JEFF, YOU'VE DREAMED ABOUT BEING A LAWYER FOR SO LONG. AS LONG AS I'VE DREAMED ABOUT HAVING AN APARTMENT IN THE CITY, DECENT CLOTHES, A GOOD LIFE...

YOU'RE MY DREAM, LAURIE. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT--THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL HAVE! **MY HOPES CAN WAIT!**



"I GAVE HIM MY LIPS, AND HE WAS LOST. IT WAS EASY. WE'D RUN AWAY! I'D LIE ABOUT MY AGE AND--AN OLD WOMAN'S HEART WOULD BREAK. IT WAS SO EASY THEN. BUT NOT LATER--NOT THAT NIGHT. WHEN I LAY AWAKE--"



IT'S STRANGE HOW THINGS HAPPEN, SOMETIMES. I HAD WHAT I WANTED, BUT A BENT, TIRED OLD LADY CAME TO MY ROOM AND TUCKED A BLANKET ABOUT ME--AND WHEN SHE LEFT, I GOT OUT OF BED...



"I PACKED
BECAUSE
INSIDE OF
ME SOME-
THING WAS
DIFFERENT.
BECAUSE
SUDDENLY I
WASN'T HARD
ANY LONGER.
BECAUSE
I COULDN'T
HURT THESE
PEOPLE.
BECAUSE
IN MY
HEART--
I WASN'T
REALLY
ROTTEN!"



WEREN'T YOU
GOING TO SAY
GOOD-BYE,
LAURIE? I
THOUGHT I
HEARD YOU
MOVING ABOUT.
I'VE BEEN
EXPECTING
THIS. BUT YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO RUN AWAY!

MRS. CRAINE!
YOU-- KNEW!
ALL THIS
TIME-- **YOU'VE**
KNOWN
WHAT I
WAS
PLANNING!

YES, LAURIE. IN TWO
WEEKS THE SUMMER
IS OVER. YOU'D HAVE
TO GO BACK TO THE
HAVEN. BUT RUNNING
AWAY WON'T **SOLVE**
ANYTHING! THEY'D ONLY
FIND YOU. I'D LIKE YOU
TO STAY HERE, LAURIE--
WITH US!



LAURIE, DON'T
RUN! RUNNING
NEVER SOLVED
ANYTHING. I'LL
GO TO THE CITY.
I'LL GET
PERMISSE ON
FOR YOU TO
STAY. WE'LL
MANAGE IT
SOMEHOW. I
CAN'T **BEAR** TO
SEE YOU SO
UNHAPPY!

YOU THINK
I'M RUNNING
AWAY--
BECAUSE
I DON'T
WANT TO
GO BACK
TO THE
HAVEN?
OH--

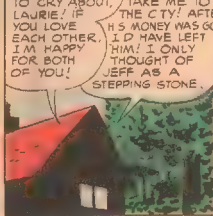
"SHE WAS SO GOOD, SO
KIND! I DIDN'T DESERVE HER
KINDNESS! I **DIDN'T**
DESERVE HER SON. BUT
SHE DESERVED SOMETHING.
SHE DESERVED TO KNOW
THE TRUTH. I TOLD HER--
EVERYTHING--

YOU-- AND
JEFF? BUT
THAT'S NOTHING
TO CRY ABOUT,
LAURIE! IF
YOU LOVE
EACH OTHER,
I'M HAPPY
FOR BOTH
OF YOU!

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
I WAS GOING
TO MAKE HIM
TAKE ME TO
THE CITY! AFTER
HIS MONEY WAS GONE
I'D HAVE LEFT
HIM! I ONLY
THOUGHT OF
JEFF AS A
STEPPING STONE.

IF JEFF HAD
MARRIED ME
HE'D NEVER
HAVE BECOME
A LAWYER.
HE'D HAVE
BEEN NOTHING,
LIKE ME!
I'D HAVE
DESTROYED
HIS WHOLE
FUTURE!

BUT YOU DIDN'T.
YOU WERE SO
WISE, LAURIE.
AND YET YOU
NEVER EVEN
KNEW THAT YOU'D
FALLEN IN LOVE.
WOULDN'T IT BE
BETTER TO STAY,
LAURIE? TO WORK
WITH US? TO
HELP JEFF TO
BECOME A
SOMEBODY?



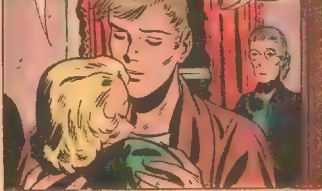
YES! OH,
YES. BUT
NOW IT'S
TOO LATE!
WHEN JEFF
KNOWS
WHAT I'M
REALLY
LIKE, HE
WON'T
WANT ME!

MY SON KNOWS
WHAT YOU'RE
REALLY LIKE,
LAURIE! OTHER-
WISE HE'D **NEVER**
HAVE FALLEN IN
LOVE WITH YOU!
YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO DIDN'T KNOW!
SHALL WE GO--
AND TELL JEFF?

"I DIDN'T WANT TO GO BACK UP THOSE
STAIRS! I WAS AFRAID. BUT I HAD SO
MUCH TO LEARN. I WAS STILL-- SUCH
A FOOL!"

JEFF FORGIVE
ME! WHAT
ELSE--
CAN I SAY?

THERE'S NOTHING TO
SAY, LAURIE! I LOVE
YOU AND YOU LOVE ME!
DON'T YOU
THINK THAT SAYS
IT ALL?



"AND JEFF
WAS RIGHT.
THAT SAYS
IT ALL!
WHEN YOU
TELL A
MAN THAT
YOU LOVE
HIM, IT'S
A PROMISE--
A PROMISE
THAT YOU'LL
CHERISH
HIM, WORK
WITH HIM,
HELP HIM,
FOR THE
REST OF
MY LIFE--
I'LL KEEP
MY
PROMISE!"

The End

You wouldn't believe Marsha's story -- it had to be just a line! She was too gorgeous -- too tempting ---

TOO DARNED INNOCENT

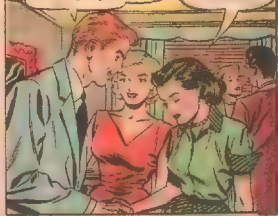


OH, JOHNNY, JOHNNY... SO, THIS IS WHAT LOVE IS LIKE! I'M SO GLAD THAT NO MAN EVER HELD ME LIKE THIS... UNTIL YOU!



"I'M JOHNNY BLAKE... A GUY LIKE ME GETS AROUND... MEETS HIS SHARE OF GIRLS... GIRLS DISILLUSION ME... MAKE ME CYNICAL... SO WHEN I MEET A GUY LIKE **MARSHA**, WHO CAN BLAME ME IF I'M HARD TO CONVINCE?"

SO YOU'RE HE-LEN'S COUSIN! SHE TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING TO VISIT HER FOR A WHILE, MARSHA! BUT SHE DIDN'T TELL ME YOU WERE **GORGEOUS!** I'M SORRY, BUT I **DON'T** KNOW HOW TO DANCE!



"AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE! THAT FACE AND FIGURE... AND SHE DIDN'T DANCE? UM-UH! I'D DATED TOO MANY PRETTY GIRLS TO SWALLOW THAT!"

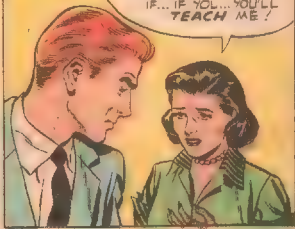
OKAY, HONEY, I CAN GO ALONG WITH A GAG, BUT YOU'RE NOT BRUSHING ME OFF THAT EASILY!

JOHNNY LEAVE HER ALONE!



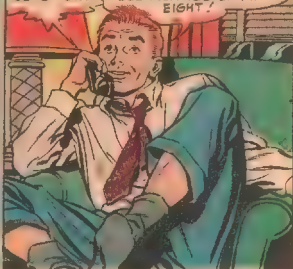
I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS THAT **HARD TO TAKE!** SORRY, MISS PRESTON! MY MISTAKE!

NO, WAIT, JOHNNY, I'M AT FAULT! I GUESS I... I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO BEHAVE AT A PARTY... I'VE NEVER BEEN TO ONE BEFORE! I'D LOVE TO DANCE... IF... IF YOU... YOU'LL **TEACH ME!**



"LIKE I SAID, I'LL GO ALONG WITH A GAG! ONLY SHE REALLY COULDN'T DANCE! AND WHEN I HELD HER... SHE BLUSHED! IF IT WAS AN ACT, IT WAS TERRIFIC! SO TERRIFIC THAT I CALLED HER NEXT DAY!"

A DATE? WHY, YOU'VE NEVER HAD A DATE... SURE, SURE, I KNOW! OKAY, HONEY, LOVE TO... I'LL PICK YOU UP AT EIGHT!



"I JUST PLAYED ALONG, YOU KNOW! ANYTHING FOR A LAUGH! WE WENT TO THE ACE! AND MARSHA WAS LIKE A KID! BUT... ENOUGH CAN BE TOO MUCH!"

"JOHNNY, IT... IT'S SO EXCITING! I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF GOING TO PLACES LIKE THIS!"

"I'LL BET! MARSHA, AREN'T YOU OVER-DOING IT JUST A BIT? LOOK, HAS HELEN BEEN TALKING TO YOU... ABOUT ME?"



SHE TOLD YOU I'M **FED UP WITH THE GIRLS I KNOW**, DIDN'T SHE? THAT I'D LIKE TO FIND SOMEONE SWEET AND INNOCENT! YOU DON'T REALLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THIS IS YOUR FIRST DATE, DO YOU?

IT IS MY FIRST DATE, JOHNNY! I'D RATHER NOT SAY... WHY, BUT IT IS!



"THE WAY SHE SAID IT... I DON'T KNOW! ALL OF A SUDDEN I WAS BELIEVING IT! EVEN IF MY HEAD WAS LAUGHING AT MY HEART! BECAUSE I WANTED TO! BECAUSE LATER HER LIPS WERE SO SOFT! SO... INEXPERIENCED!"

THAT WAS NICE... JOHNNY, I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE... TO BE KISSED!

AND NOW THAT YOU KNOW?



NOW... I'M GLAD, JOHNNY! I'M GLAD THAT THE FIRST MAN WHO EVER KISSED ME...

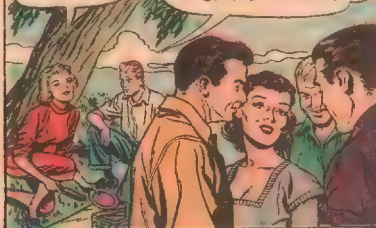
I'M GLAD, TOO, MARSHA! SO I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU NEVER FIND OUT WHAT IT'S LIKE TO KISS SOMEBODY ELSE!



"YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD THE EXPRESSION, I SAID IT AND I'M GLAD! WELL, I SAID IT! AND I WAS GLAD! BUT AFTER... I WONDERED SO MANY TIMES!"

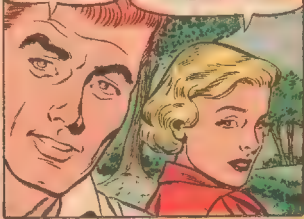
SHE'S **LEARNING**, ISN'T SHE, JOHNNY? JEALOUS?

JEALOUS... AND **WONDERING**... IF I'M BEING TAKEN FOR THE BIGGEST SLEIGH RIDE OF THE CENTURY!



HELEN, ON THE LEVEL! WHAT GOES? MARSHA GETS A BANG OUT OF EVERYTHING! AS IF IT WAS REALLY ALL NEW TO HER! IF IT IS... **WHY?**

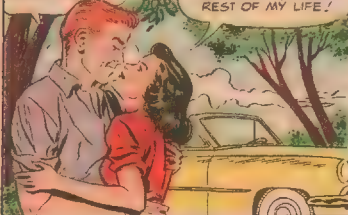
ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS... MARSHA **LOVES** YOU! TRY TO DESERVE HER! THERE'S A REASON, JOHNNY! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GET IT FROM MARSHA, NOT ME!



"I TRIED... AND EACH TIME I TALKED TO MARSHA SHE PUT ME OFF! SOMEHOW, I NEVER DID GET THE ANSWER! AND ONE DAY... IT WAS TOO LATE!"

MARSHA, MARSHA, YOU JUST AREN'T POSSIBLE! YOU CAN'T BE! BUT YOU'RE HERE, IN MY ARMS! YOU'RE REAL, AND I LOVE YOU! SAY YOU'LL MARRY ME!

I'LL MARRY YOU, JOHNNY! I HAVE TO MARRY YOU! BECAUSE WITH-OUT YOU, I'D HAVE NOTHING! FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!



FROM THAT DAY ON I ASKED NO QUESTIONS! I TOOK WHAT LIFE HAD BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO SEND ME! AND THEN THE QUESTIONS I HAD FORGOTTEN WERE ANSWERED! SUDDENLY! AGONIZINGLY!

MARSHA! MARSHA PRESTON! NO! IT CAN'T BE YOU... BUT IT IS!

PHIL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS TOWN?



"I SHOULD HAVE GONE AFTER HER! I STARTED TO! BUT SUDDENLY, I COULDN'T."

PHIL! YOU EMBARRASSED HER! YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN SHE WOULDN'T WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED BY ANYONE FROM HER HOME TOWN! SHE'S SO DIFFERENT NOW!

YOU... KNEW MARSHA WELL, MR. HART?

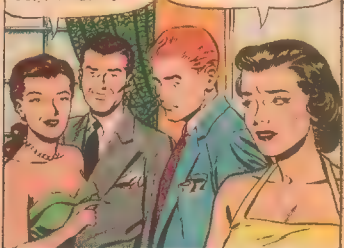


"HOW CAN I DESCRIBE THE WAY I FELT ABOUT MARSHA? SHE WAS ALL THE SWEETNESS IN THE WORLD. THAT DAY I THREW AWAY ALL MY DOUBTS... THERE WAS ONLY US AND GOODNESS IN THE WORLD, AFTER-WARD!"



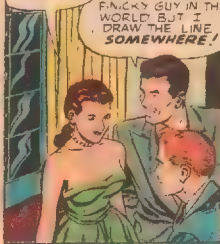
PHIL HAD TO COME HERE ON A BUSINESS TRIP, SO I CAME ALONG! WE'RE MARRIED NOW! BUT... AREN'T YOU GOING TO INTRODUCE US, MARSHA?

OF COURSE! JOHNNY, THIS IS CLAIR AND PHIL HART! THEY'RE FROM MY HOME TOWN! I... I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! I WANT TO POWDER MY NOSE!



HE CERTAINLY DID! EVERYONE IN TOWN KNEW MARSHA... IN FACT SHE WAS PHIL'S GIRL FRIEND! WASN'T SHE, PHIL?

MY GIRL FRIEND? MARSHA? CUT IT OUT CLARE! YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT! I'M NOT THE MOST FINICKY GUY IN THE WORLD BUT I DRAW THE LINE SOMEWHERE!



MY WIFE IS A GREAT KIDDER MISTER! I DON'T KNOW YOUR LAST NAME! BUT IF YOU'VE KNOWN MARSHA LONG YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN! GIRL FRIEND! BROTHER! HOW THE CROWD WOULD HAVE LAUGHED IF ANYONE GOT SERIOUS WITH HER!



"I WANTED TO SMASH HIS GRINNING FACE, BUT I DIDN'T. I MUMBLED SOMETHING AND STUMBLED OUT. I WENT HOME... AND TRIED TO PUT THE PIECES OF MY DREAM BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!"



"I TRIED... AND IT WAS NO GOOD... THEN THE ANGER CAME... THE SHAME! THEN... THERE WAS THE REALIZATION OF WHAT A FOOL I'D BEEN! THAT WAS WHEN I WENT TO HELEN'S HOUSE!"

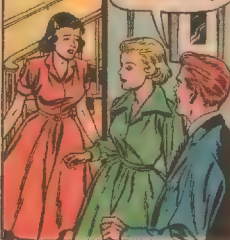
JOHNNY! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS? MARSHA'S BEEN SITTING BY THE TELEPHONE LIKE A LOST SOUL!

IF MARSHA EVER HAD A SOUL SHE LOST IT... LONG AGO! IF SHE HAD ANYTHING TO SAY, WHY DIDN'T SHE CALL ME?



BECAUSE I WAS ASHAMED! PHIL... TOLD YOU ABOUT ME, DIDN'T HE? DOES IT MATTER... TERRIBLY. "JOHNNY!"

MATTER! YOU CAN STAND THERE AND ASK ME A THING LIKE THAT? YOU LITTLE CHEAT! WHAT KIND OF A MAN DO YOU THINK I AM, ANYWAY?

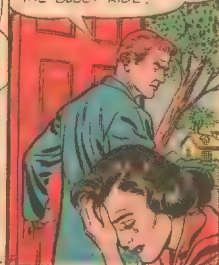


JOHNNY, PLEASE... I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT MYSELF, BUT I JUST COULDN'T! TRY TO UNDERSTAND!

I UNDERSTAND, ALL RIGHT... YOU GOT A BIG LAUGH OUT OF ME, DIDN'T YOU? JOHNNY BLAKE, CHUMP! YES, PHIL TOLD ME ABOUT YOU! HE TOLD ME HOW NO MAN IN YOUR TOWN WOULD BE SEEN DEAD WITH YOU!



I WAS AN EASY MARK, WASN'T I? ALL RIGHT! SO I WAS! BUT AT LEAST I'M DECENT! I'LL BE ABLE TO GO ON LIVING WITH MYSELF! IT'S NICE TO HAVE KNOWN YOU, MARSHA! NOW... GOOD-BYE! AND THANKS FOR THE BUGGY RIDE!



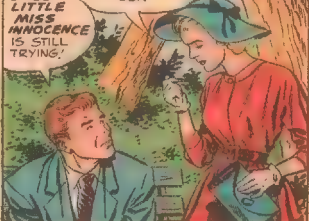
"SHE DIDN'T COME AFTER ME! HOW COULD SHE? WHAT COULD SHE SAY? FOR A WEEK I LIVED IN A RED BLUR OF ANGER! BUT IT WASN'T OVER! A WEEK LATER, WHEN HELEN FOUND ME I COULD GUESS WHY SHE HAD COME!"

HELLO... HEEL! YOUR FOLKS TOLD ME YOU'D GONE FOR A WALK IN THE PARK; I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU!



HELLO, HELEN, I SUPPOSE MARSHA SENT YOU, DIDN'T SHE? SO SWEET LITTLE MISS INNOCENCE IS STILL TRYING!

FEELING REAL SORRY FOR YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU, JOHNNY? MARSHA DIDN'T SEND ME HERE... SHE'S IN HER ROOM, CRYING HER HEART OUT... THE WAY SHE'S BEEN FOR A WEEK!



WHY? BECAUSE YOU ARE A STINKER! YOU I SHOULDN'T EVEN BOTHER, BUT MARSHA'S FOOL ENOUGH TO LOVE YOU. SO I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING, JOHNNY!



YOU DESERVE THIS JOHNNY! FOR BEING SO ROTTEN FOR CONDEMNING MARSHA WITHOUT A TRIAL! TAKE A GOOD LOOK! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?



OR DO I? WAIT A MINUTE! WHY... THIS GIRL COULD BE MARSHA!



THIS IS THE WAY SHE LOOKED UNTIL A FEW MONTHS AGO, WHEN SHE WENT TO A SANITARY AND A DOCTOR CURED HER OF A GLAND AILMENT. A GIRL WHO NEVER HAD A DATE JOHNNY! WOULD YOU DATE A GIRL LIKE THAT?

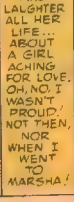
THEN... THIS IS WHAT THE COUPLE MEANT... THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW MARSHA LOOKED... NOT ABOUT THE KIND OF GIRL SHE WAS!



THAT'S RIGHT, A GIRL WHO LIVED A MISERABLE LIFE BECAUSE OF SOMETHING SHE COULDN'T HELP... A GIRL SO SENSITIVE THAT SHE COULDN'T EVEN TELL THE MAN SHE LOVED WHAT SHE WAS ONCE LIKE! PROUD OF YOURSELF, JOHNNY!



"PROUD? THERE WAS MORE, ABOUT A SWEET KID WHO'D HAD TO TAKE JEERS AND LAUGHTER ALL HER LIFE... ABOUT A GIRL ACHING FOR LOVE. OH, NO, I WASN'T PROUD! NOT THEN, NOR WHEN I WENT TO MARSHA!



MARSHA, I WAS RIGHT WHEN I SAID I WAS A CHUMP! I AM... THE BIGGEST, FOURTEEN CARAT GOLD CHUMP IN THE WORLD... BUT I LOVE YOU! DON'T SEND ME AWAY!



SEND YOU AWAY? OH, JOHNNY, JOHNNY! I KNEW IT WOULD END LIKE THIS! I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK... BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, TOO! HOW COULD I EVER SEND YOU AWAY?



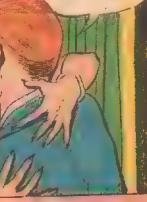
"NO QUESTIONS, NO NAME CALLING... THERE WAS JUST THAT MARSHA'S FAITH! THE FAITH I HADN'T BEEN BIG ENOUGH TO HAVE! I TRIED TO EXPLAIN, AND MARSHA'S LIPS CUT ME OFF!



JOHNNY, DON'T TALK! JUST KISS ME, HOLD ME, AND TELL ME THAT YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE ME AGAIN! PLEASE!



I WON'T EVER LEAVE YOU AGAIN MARSHA! A MAN DOESN'T WALK OUT OF HEAVEN... TWICE!



"NO, I'LL NEVER LEAVE MARSHA! WOULDN'T I BE AN AWFUL FOOL IF I DID? IF I TURNED MY BACK... ON AN ANGEL?"



SUMMER HAIR

by Nancy Hale



You've been dying to know how you'd look with red hair. Dying, but afraid to dye, tint or even rinse without first being sure that the new color will be complimentary to you. Well, you needn't be afraid any more because they've gone and done it! Yes, one of the hair color manufacturers has come out with a wig-type cap to cover up your own tresses while you admire the new ones.

Time will tell whether or not this will boom or bust the hair color industry. Sufficient to say there is nothing more disappointing than to make the great change and find that your face looks hard, your skin sallow or that none of your costumes match the new hair color.

Before you consider changing your hair, why not give the color you have a chance to show off? You may be a mousy brownette as far as your mirror is concerned, but did you know you have highlights which may not be identical in any other hair?

To start your hair off on the right strand, brush it daily. If you're lazy, take two brushes, it'll cut your operating time in half, besides stimulating the scalp simultaneously. Bend head to hand level in order to stimulate circulation.

Next, be sure your hair is clean. It should be washed as often as it feels or looks dirty. If you live in the city it will pick up dust and grime quicker than if you are a country cutie. Use a good mild shampoo or melt down a mild bath soap. Lather two times and rinse, rinse, rinse. A good test for hair that is free of soap is to rub a strand between your fingers. It should actually squeak. Many shampoos now include the rinse; if you want more you can make your own. A teaspoon of vinegar to a glass of water will bring out the red lights in dark hair; the juice of half a

lemon diluted in water will bring out the blond tones.

No product on the market can glamorize your hair if you are in bad physical condition. Be sure your diet is well balanced and supplemented with vitamins. Nervous or emotional tensions can cause a loss of hair as well as can a common cold. (If your hair seems to be coming out in handfuls, consult your physician.)

How should you wear your hair, particularly in the summertime when you want to have as much free time as possible for fun? The short Italian cut or variations of it are still popular and oh, so easy to set and keep. If you have the short hairdo, be sure to have it cut and shaped at least once a month.

Shoulder length hair, or longer, is always popular with the male species, but is difficult to care for and hot and heavy in the warm months. For maximum comfort and the least effort you can wear it braided, little girl fashion, tied back or up with ribbons. Wearing a coronet braid will be less trouble in the summertime than piling it high—unless you have naturally curly hair which careless twisting only makes lovelier.

If you like the in-between length hair, our best summer suggestion is to give yourself a home permanent. Straggly ends are unattractive after a day in the water and newly permanented tresses look almost naturally curly. Try to get a friend to wind it up for you, follow the directions carefully and you should be immensely gratified at the results.

Whatever your hair color, try to keep the style simple for summer. You can go glamorous in the evening by tucking in a few trinkets or flowers. And one last word of warning: unless you want to have brittle sun-streaked or bleached hair—the kind you can do nothing with come fall—wear a hat or turban if you expect to be out in the sun for a long time each day.

NOT EVEN MY LOVE WAS SAFE FROM —

My Scheming Sister!

LINDA! HOW CAN YOU BE SO RUTHLESS! YOU TOOK TIM FROM ME AND YOU DON'T EVEN LOVE HIM!

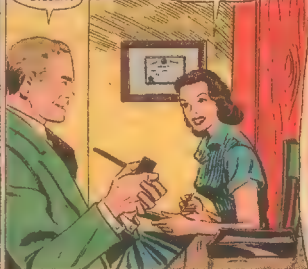
OH, IT'S NOT THAT HOPELESS TIM IS A RATHER NICE FELLOW... WITH A FACTORY AND A COMFORTABLE BANK ACCOUNT. HE'LL MAKE A MOST SATISFACTORY HUSBAND.



I couldn't quite believe my good luck when I landed the job as Tim Hunter's secretary! It was a wonderful job... and Timothy Hunter was a wonderful guy! More wonderful than I quite dared to admit... even to myself!

...VERY TRULY YOURS... I FEEL LIKE A HEEL, GIVING YOU ALL THESE LETTERS AT ONCE, EILEEN!

I DON'T MIND, MR. HUNTER. REALLY I DON'T YOU KNOW I LOVE MY WORK!



SINCE I GIVE YOU SO MUCH WORK, I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME FUN, TOO, EILEEN! IT'S ONLY FAIR! WILL YOU HAVE DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT?

OH, I'D LOVE TO, MR. HUNTER!

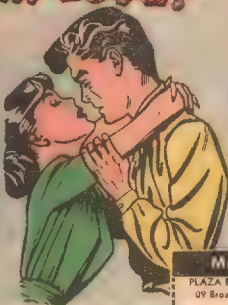


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Perhaps I had the right to dream after all! There had been a softness in Tim's eyes... I floated home on a pink cloud, but when I got there...

DON'T TEASE ME LINDA! AND... DON'T DO ANYTHING WHEN MR. HUNTER ARRIVES... PLEASE!

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT YOU MEAN, SIS! I WON'T EVEN BE HERE WHEN YOUR PRECIOUS MR. HUNTER ARRIVES!



My sister, Linda, had known exactly what I meant! SHE was the family beauty, and the family flirt as well! It had never mattered before. But later, in Tim Hunter's arms, I knew how terribly it WOULD matter this time... if...

YOU'RE VERY LOVELY TONIGHT EILEEN.

WHY THANK YOU MR. HUNT-- I MEAN, TIM!



And when at long last his lips found mine for one hesitating, breath-catching moment, I couldn't pretend any more! I knew I was madly in love with my boss!

SWEET... SWEET EILEEN...

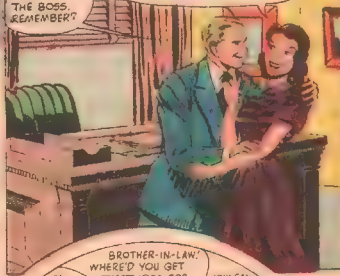
OH, TIM DARLING.



The next few days were sheer bliss...

C'MERE, YOU WENCH! I'M THE BOSS, REMEMBER?

ONLY DURING OFFICE HOURS, BOSS. AND THIS ISN'T BUSINESS!



And then came the moment I'd been dreading! A giant hand seemed to squeeze my heart, as I introduced Tim to Linda...

AND THIS IS MY SISTER LINDA, TIM.

I HAD NO IDEA THE FAMOUS TIM HUNTER WAS SO YOUNG--AND HANDSOME! NO WONDER EILEEN'S BEEN HIDING YOU FROM ME!

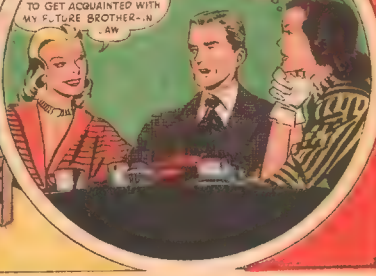
AND I HAD NO IDEA EILEEN HAD A SISTER--LIKE YOU!



BROTHER-IN-LAW! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT IDEA, FOR PETE'S SAKE!

I'M SURE MY KID SISTER DOESN'T MIND MY TAGGING ALONG T.M. AFTER ALL, IT'S MY DUTY TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH MY FUTURE BROTHER-IN-LAW.

HOW CAN SHE! OH, TIM, TIM DON'T YOU SEE WHAT SHE'S DOING?



It was even worse than I'd feared! Linda had completely dazzled my darling Tim... and frightened him away from me besides! Her victory was complete... and ruthless...

TIM, I NEVER EVEN HINTED AT ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO LINDA! BELIEVE ME...

PLEASE, EILEEN! LET'S STICK TO BUSINESS!



LINDA... MY DARLING...

YOU'RE SWEET, TIM... DEAR...

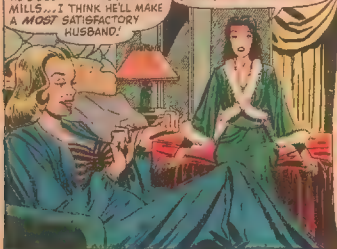
I'VE LOST HIM... FOREVER... MY OWN, TRUE LOVE...



I didn't know a heart could endure so much torture... and keep beating! But there seemed to be no end to the pain MINE was forced to bear...

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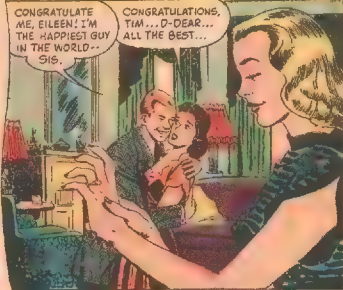
H-HUSBAND! ARE YOU GOING TO M-MARRY HIM, LINDA? ON THAT BASIS?



Even I had underestimated my sister's selfishness! She wasn't good enough for Tim! But... I was helpless...

CONGRATULATE ME, EILEEN! I'M THE HAPPIEST GUY IN THE WORLD... SIS.

CONGRATULATIONS, TIM... O-DEAR... ALL THE BEST...

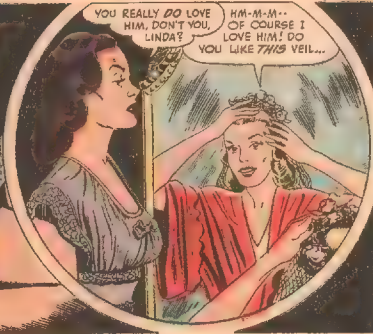


TIM... I LOVE YOU ENOUGH TO WANT YOUR HAPPINESS MORE THAN I WANT MY OWN... BUT, OH, IT HURTS... IT HURTS...

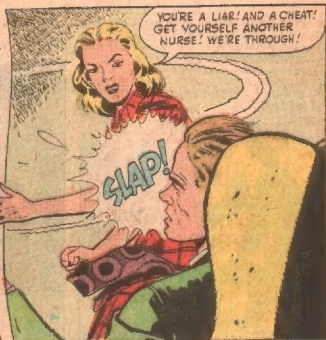


YOU REALLY DO LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU, LINDA?

H-M-M... OF COURSE I LOVE HIM! DO YOU LIKE THIS VEIL...



For Tim's sake, I tried to stifle the doubt that gnawed at me, the unreasonable fear I felt! But one night-- just three weeks before the wedding-- tragedy struck!



As Linda stormed out, something deep inside me exploded! Tim was suddenly ill... and bitterly hurt... and I loved him more than my life! There was no such thing as pride any more...



All the ugly, brutal, unbelievable facts about his illness spilled from Tim's lips like a raging torrent! There were no warnings, no symptoms... and no cure! But even as his words hammered against my brain, I knew what I wanted to do...



"I understood all too clearly! I understood that this was my last chance... and I wouldn't give up... until..."

OK, BABY! IF YOU'RE CRAZY ENOUGH... MAYBE I CAN USE A NURSEMAID AFTER ALL! COME HERE!



And so we were married... I asked no more than to be near Tim... to love him... to touch his hand sometimes...

BREAKFAST IN BED TODAY, YOUR HIGHNESS!

HERE'S YOUR PIPE, DARLING!

I DO...

TRY TO EAT A LITTLE MORE, TIM. I COOKED IT ESPECIALLY...

I married Tim because I adored him! I wasn't trying to be a heroine... nor did I allow myself to dream of a time when he'd love me... as I loved him... Till one blessed day...

IT WAS ALWAYS YOU, EILEEN-- SWEET, WONDERFUL YOU! BUT I WAS TOO BLIND, TOO DAZZLED... DARLING... I LOVE YOU!

TIM... DEAREST... I'VE WAITED SO LONG...

For the next ten months, we lived in Paradise! Happiness unfolded us like a warm, gossamer-sheen cloak!

EILEEN... SWEET... I FEEL AS THOUGH I COULD REACH OUT AND TOUCH OUR HAPPINESS. IT'S ALMOST... TANGIBLE!

I KNOW, DARLING: I FEEL THE SAME WAY!

Because we knew the end would come quietly-- and suddenly-- we cherished the blissful perfection of EACH DAY... one day at a time... Tim never suffered... he just went to sleep... smiling...

IT'S REALLY NOT GOOD-BYE, MY DARLING. WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN SOME DAY...

I'LL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL... I'LL ALWAYS CONSIDER MYSELF LUCKY! I HAD A WHOLE YEAR OF COMPLETELY PERFECT, FLAWLESS HAPPINESS--AND THAT'S MORE THAN MOST PEOPLE GET IN A LIFE-TIME! MY SISTER LINDA WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, PERHAPS... BUT YOU DO, DON'T YOU?

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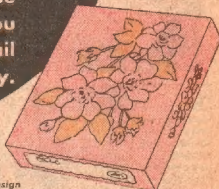
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